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BRAIN-DEATH CASE

JAHI'S SAD SAGA COMES TO AN END



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Nailah Winkfield, mother of Jahi McMath, talks to media in front of Children's Hospital Oakland in 2013.

Body of Oakland teen — whose legal battle pitted family against doctors, making national headlines — to be flown home next week

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Jahi McMath, the Oakland teen whose brain-death case captivated the world while machines kept her breathing, was finally removed from those machines on June 22 in New Jersey after suffering from internal bleeding and kidney issues, her family and attorney said Thursday.

Nearly five years after California officially declared her deceased, the state of New Jersey has issued a death certificate, listing the preliminary cause of death as bleeding. Her body will be flown home to Oakland next week, her brain preserved for scientists to study, said

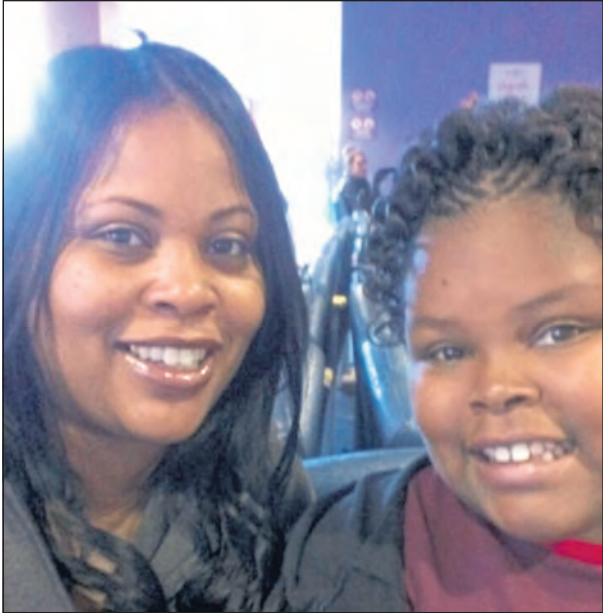
family attorney Christopher Dolan.

The girl's mother, Nailah Winkfield, who had rejected California's conclusion that her daughter was dead, fought back tears in a phone interview with the Bay Area News Group on Thursday afternoon. Jahi was at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where she had undergone multiple surgeries since April.

"I'm devastated about losing my daughter," Winkfield said. "Everything I did revolved around Jahi."

Her long, chaotic legal and medical battle fascinated the country, pitting a hopeful, deeply faithful family against pragmatic medical science and bu-

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COURTESY OF THE MCMATH FAMILY

Jahi McMath, right, was 13 when she went into cardiac arrest after complications from nose and throat surgery.

TWO OTHERS INJURED

Police: Gunman kills five at Maryland newspaper

Suspect targeted journalists, officials say; reporter describes a 'war zone'

By Lynh Bui, Ovetta Wiggins and Tom Jackman
The Washington Post

ANNAPOLIS, MD. » A man with a vendetta against an Annapolis, Maryland, newspaper fired a long gun through the newsroom's glass doors and at its employees, killing five and injuring two others Thursday in a targeted shooting,

according to police.

The identities of all of the victims are unknown, but the attack likely is the deadliest involving journalists in the United States in decades.

Local police said the Capital Gazette was targeted in the Maryland incident that prompted heightened security in newsrooms around the country.

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Acting Annapolis Police Chief William Krampf speaks about the deadly shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper Thursday.

COLD CASE

Suspect in 1974 slaying kills self

New DNA evidence linked man to the murder of newlywed Arlis Perry in Stanford church, sheriff says

By Robert Salonga and Julia Prodis Sulek
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SAN JOSE » For four decades, wild theories have surrounded the mysterious and horrific killing of a 19-year-old newlywed found bloody and brutalized in the pews of Stanford Memorial Church — that she was a victim of a satanic cult or the notorious serial killer "Son of Sam."

It appears they were all wrong.

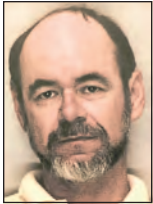
On Thursday, former Stanford campus security guard Stephen Blake Crawford — who once told police that he locked up the church the night of Oct. 12, 1974, and discovered the body of Arlis Perry the next morning — shot himself in the head as police with new evidence against him closed in on his San Jose studio apartment.

Crawford's death brings to a close one of the Bay Area's most famous unsolved murder cases, where investigators tried for 43 years to find the person who killed the sweet young bride by ramming an ice pick into her skull and violating her body with altar candles. Semen was found on a church kneeler and a partial palm print was lifted from one of the candles, but neither were enough at the time to catch the killer. Crawford left Stanford two years later. In 1992, however, he was arrested and charged with stealing Western-style bronze

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Perry



Crawford

CALIFORNIA

Gov. Brown signs sweeping consumer privacy legislation

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The Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown approved sweeping new protections for consumers' online data Thursday amid news of a massive new security breach, a move that will keep a competing initiative opposed by the technology industry off the ballot.

The California Consumer Privacy Act, Assembly Bill 375 by Assemblymember Ed Chau, D-Monterey Park, and state Sen. Robert Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys, passed unanimously out of the Assembly and Senate with bipartisan support Thursday. Brown signed it a few hours later. It takes effect in 2020.

Hertzberg said the bill will offer groundbreaking protections for consumers to know what data is collected on them, opt out of collection and hold companies accountable for unauthorized release of their information.

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